



## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

1 September 2023

Last week, I mentioned how reading is not only a vehicle that leads us to devour knowledge, but can also bolster relationships. This was evident at our 'reading on the deck' activity last week. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents, parents, teachers and peers share reading, whilst enjoying sunshine and fresh air. Reading at night, in a relaxed environment is just as powerful. I made mention of one quote shared by Year 5T at Courtyard Prayer, but there were more;

Elyse—*'It has been a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. My mom says some days are like that'* Judith Viorst-Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.

Summer—*'unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not'* Dr. Seuss-The Lorax

Ben—*'You can't stay in your corner of the forest waiting for others to come to you. You have to go to them sometimes'* – A. Milne-Winnie-the Pooh.

Authors have an impressive way of taking life lessons and weaving them into narratives, sandwiched between colourful covers and creative literary devices. Junior Fiction is especially effective when used to teach young students about relationships and how to deal with inevitable conflict. When I was younger, I remember if I went home to complain about an issue, my mother's advice would be, 'don't involve adults in your friendship conflicts, as children get over it and move on, adults don't'. In hindsight this was sensible advice, as I did work through these issues and developed skills to solve conflict on my own. In my line of work, I have often witnessed this to be true. Caring, supportive parents come forward with their child's problem, then upon investigation, the students have long moved on. I have also been the emotive parent, paining for my children if they ever had to encounter a friendship fall out. Despite having my mother's advice in the back of my mind, I also wanted to protect my children. Add digital platforms to the mix and issues become complicated and as parents, we walk this tight rope, trying to know when to step forward and when to step back.

Justin Coulson (2018) suggests that every parent with more than one child-in fact every human in a relationship -will experience some form of conflict. He goes on to name 'empathy' as the key to resolving conflict. When a child can gain insight into a reason why their sibling or peer behave in the way they do, they may recognise the part they have played in the problem, therefore gaining insight to the impact their actions have on others. This is why we try to solve issues restoratively where possible. It is a very powerful tool when students are given the time and space, to discuss how another's actions have made them react and to express how situations have made them feel. This is also true for adults. Kaitlyn from 5T's quote really resonated with me—*'You must never feel bad about making mistakes...as long as you take the trouble to learn from them'* Norton Juster-The Phantom Tollbooth. This week Year 5 ventured out to partake in their camp at Chaverim. The feedback would suggest that the Year Five co-hort took on the messages they shared in last week's Courtyard Prayer, as there was plenty of team building, problem solving and ultimately relationship building witnessed. A big thank you to our Chaverim friends, Andrea Tindall, Mellisa Doyle, Larisa Green, Jo Driver, Tracey Cook, Cristian Zandona, Leah Walton, Clare Clarke and Annette Hammermeister, who were all involved in camp in some capacity.



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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS continued

This week I emailed out a letter to the parent body, as a Term 4 staffing update. The email had a lot more detail, but I have included a summary below;

**Cath Callaghan** has extended her leave for the remainder of 2023. She has decided that casual work will provide her and her family the flexibility required, as her husband begins his new role as a firefighter in the local area. **Jodie Philips** has done an amazing job this term and will take Year 4C on to the end of the year. Krystal Ralph will then continue as the Teacher Assistant for Term 4.

**Annette Hammermeister** has decided to relinquish her position as **Assistant Principal Administration**, at the end of this year. Annette is hoping to work in a part-time capacity and we are certainly keen to retain Annette in some capacity, as she is a vital member of this community. Annette's position of APA will be advertised this week as we begin the process to find a suitable replacement.

**Cath Nash**—Not many of us remember a St Patrick's season which didn't involve Miss Cath. Cath greeted me this year, with a lovely warm welcome followed by 'Kim, you've only got me for a year'. True to her word, she has decided it time to retire from her permanent teaching position. When Cath isn't visiting her gorgeous granddaughters, she promises to take up relief teaching and contracts to retain a strong St Patrick's connection.

**Deb Handley** also resigned recently after years working as a Teacher Assistant. Deb has endured some health challenges this year and has decided she needs to concentrate on her recovery. Deb also looks forward to being a big part of our school community, as a grandparent and in a voluntary capacity into the future.

We certainly have our job cut out for us later in the year, to ensure we farewell some significant long-standing members of staff in a deserving way. However, we look forward to enjoying the time we have left with our friends and colleagues. You are now up to date. We will continue to keep you updated as 2024 staffing continues to roll out.

Yesterday we celebrated a lovely Father's Day Liturgy. **HAPPY Father's Day** to all the wonderful men in our community that play the crucial role of Dad, Grandfather or role model in our young student's lives...enjoy your special day.

*Kim O'Shea-Hard*

## ST JOSEPH'S KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Looking for a kindergarten position in 2024? Please contact St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten or access the QR code as there are still spaces available for 2024.



**Enrolments are OPEN at St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten in Bundaberg**

To find out more about St Joseph's Catholic Kindergarten, including the current fees, please scan the QR code which will take you to our kindergarten site.

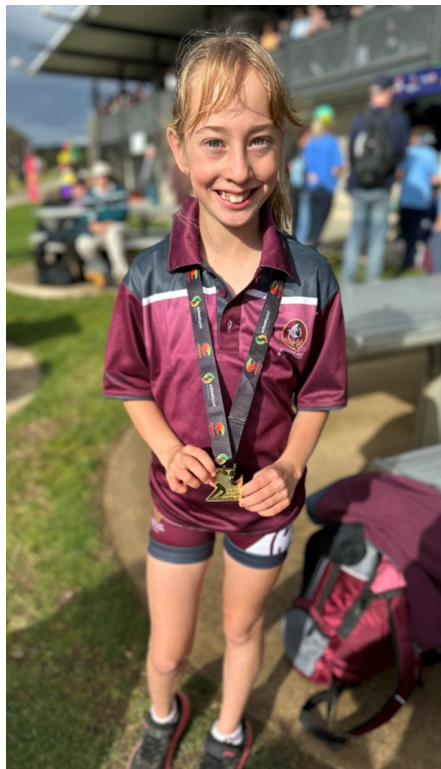
To begin the enrolment process, enter your child's details by clicking on this button on the site.

**Enrolment Expression of Interest**

Please call 07 4994 9340 to speak to our wonderful kindergarten staff.



## SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations, **Essie Mc...** you are a little legend. Essie was awarded a gold medal at the recent National Cross Country Championships in Canberra, placing first in the U10 Multiclass 2km event in a personal best time of 13:53mins. Essie also won a gold medal in the 1km time trial. Her goal was to break the 14-minute mark and she succeeded with great determination and attitude. The school community is so proud of you and this achievement. Well done!

**Sophie W** and **Tayla M** represented Wide Bay at the recent U10/11 State **Netball** Championships held in Roma. Congratulations to both girls on this achievement.

**Hunter L**, together with his wonderful horse, represented St Patrick's at the recent Fraser Coast Interschool Equestrian competition. He was awarded runners-up Age Champion in the Year 5 category. Congratulations, Hunter on the following results and for being a wonderful ambassador of our school at this event.

1<sup>st</sup> Rider Class, Show Horse, Western Dressage, Barrel Race, Bending Race & Show Jump.

2<sup>nd</sup> English Dressage,

4<sup>th</sup> Dry Pattern Western & Key Hole Race.



## OUT AND ABOUT



Greg Duncan Fields  
University Drive, Bundaberg West

### 2023/2024 Junior Season

Registration Fee (Tiny Touchdowns - \$70 per player (includes a team shirt)

Season Dates: 20<sup>th</sup> October – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Registration Fee (U8 – U16) - \$110 + \$22 per player (includes a team shirt)

Season Dates: 13th October - 10th December 2023/\*\*Christmas Break\*/  
9th February – 22nd March 2024

#### Divisions:

Tiny Touchdowns (2018)

U8 Boys and Girls (2017 – 2016)

U10 Boys and Girls (2015 – 2014)

U12 Boys and Girls (2013 – 2012)

U14 Boys and Girls (2011 – 2010)

U16 Boys and Girls (2009 – 2007)

Note: Junior Age

Division's registrations

will be capped.

So get in quick!

Fair Play Vouchers

Accepted

(Please email for  
registration details)

For further information:

Email: [bundyjuniortouch@gmail.com](mailto:bundyjuniortouch@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.bundytouch.com/>



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## BRISBANE BULLETS BIG SHOTS St Patrick's Catholic Primary School



#### 6 WEEK TERM 4 PROGRAM

Wednesdays 3:16pm - 4:16pm

#### Price

\$95.00 Includes Brisbane Bullets Big Shots  
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#### Commences Week 3

18th October



✦ BEGINNER FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE

✦ IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS FROM OUR QUALIFIED COACHES

✦ REGISTER AT [www.brisbanebullets.com.au/community](http://www.brisbanebullets.com.au/community)

Parents—This is a wonderful opportunity for interested Basketball students to participate in a quality coaching experience to be run after school in the MPS. Please note that this 6-week coaching clinic is run independently of the school. The sessions will be run by the Brisbane Bullets and St Patrick's school staff will not be supervising students at these clinics.



## FAMILY OPEN DAY

BUNDABERG

All Welcome!

Sunday October 22

- Bouncy Castle and Slide
- Face Painting
- POP Tennis and Games
- Sausage Sizzle
- Lucky Door Prize, great giveaways & lots more!

Where: Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Assoc. Inc.

Rotary Park Tennis Complex

69b George Street, South Bundaberg

[bundyjuniortennis.org.au](http://bundyjuniortennis.org.au) or [facebook.com/BDJTA/](https://www.facebook.com/BDJTA/)



## OUT AND ABOUT



**COUNTRY FAIR**

Saturday 9th September  
COME CELEBRATE BUNDABERG SOFTBALL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**ENTRY FEE APPLIES**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Rides •
- Softball Activities •
- Old MacDonalds Farm •
- Photo Booth •
- Stalls •
- Entertainment •
- Yummy food •

**Bundaberg SOFTBALL**

Stallholders welcome  
For more information contact – Natalie 0408 011 192

## ATTENTION LADIES!

### FEMALE ONLY

#### COMMUNITY COACH COURSE





**TOPICS COVERED:**  
AUSTRALIAN WAY  
SCORING RUNS  
TAKING WICKETS  
COACH APPROACH  
UMPIRING



**JOIN THE GROWING NUMBER OF FEMALE COMMUNITY COACHES IN QUEENSLAND!**

THIS COURSE WILL BE HELD AT SALTER OVAL ON SATURDAY  
**2ND SEPTEMBER FROM 1PM TO 4PM**

**COST - FREE**  
OPEN TO ANYONE 14 YEARS & OVER  
PLEASE DIRECT ALL ENQUIRIES TO:  
BRUCE.DEEM@QLDCRICKET.COM.AU

TO REGISTER SCAN THE QR CODE  
Please register to ensure the course goes ahead



## TERM THREE PLANNER

WEEK 9	Week 4th September - 8th September		
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	6M
Wednesday	Year 1 Excursion Botanical Gardens & Historical Museum	8:45am—11:30pm	Year 1
WEEK 10	Week 11th September - 15th September		
Tuesday	Year 6 Camp Medication Sign-In Day	All Day	Year 6
Tuesday - Thursday	Courtyard Prayer	8:40am	5G
Wednesday - Friday	Year 6 Camp - Hervey Bay	All Day	Year 6

2023 TERM 4 DATES			
<b>TERM 4</b>	Tuesday 3 October - Friday 1 December		
2023 SPORTS DATE CLAIMERS			
<b>TERM 4</b>	Years 3-6 Senior Swimming Carnival	24-Nov	BSA